

REMARKS

I. Double Patenting Rejection

In the Office Action, the sole ground for rejection of claims 1-29 was an obvious-type double patenting rejection over U.S. Patent No. 6,647,041 B1, issued November 11, 2003. In response, Applicants respectfully submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer corresponding to the above-mentioned application. Accordingly, this fully resolves the double-patenting rejection.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for allowance of claims 30-50.

Applicants submit the following comments regarding the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter in the Office Action. Applicants agree with the Examiner that the claimed invention of claims 30-50 is patentable over prior art, but respectfully disagree with the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance as set forth in the Office Action. Applicants submit that it is the claim as a whole, rather than any particular limitation, that makes each of these claims allowable. No single limitation should be construed as the reason for allowance of a claim because it is each of the elements of the claim that makes it allowable. Therefore, Applicants do not concede that the reasons for allowable subject matter given by the Examiner are the only reasons that make, or would make, the claims allowable and does not make any admission or concession concerning the Examiner's statement in the Office Action.

III. Comments on Examiner's Response to Arguments

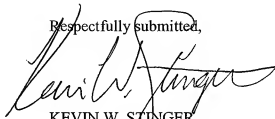
The Office Action rejects the previous Terminal Disclaimer filed by Applicants on December 12, 2005, for not complying with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(b) and/or (c), purporting that Applicants' representative who signed the previous Terminal Disclaimer has not been established as being authorized to act on behalf of the assignee. In response, Applicants' representative filed a Revocation and Substitute Power of Attorney in this case on May 25, 2006, documenting the chain of title establishing ownership interest of the present assignee in the application, and authorizing Applicants' representative to prosecute the present application. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the undersigned Applicants' representative is empowered to sign a Terminal Disclaimer in connection with the present application. As such, enclosed herewith is a supplemental Terminal Disclaimer, discussed above, corresponding to the above-mentioned application. Accordingly, it is believed that this fully resolves any issues regarding either the double patenting rejection or authorization of Applicants' representative to act on behalf of the assignee.

CONCLUSION

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediments to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 6th day of July, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin W. Stinger", written over the typed name and registration information.

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